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KIESSLING ET AL. CASE NO: FA 1051 US DIV

SERIAL NO: Unknown GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown

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FOR: COATING COMPOSITION FOR METAL CONDUCTORS AND COATING PROCESS INVOLVING THE USE THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith PTO Form 1449 identifying U.S. Patent No. 5,932,682 to Buchwalter et al.; U.S. Patent No. 5,337,941 to Higashiura et al.; U.S. Patent No. 4,486,506 to Kenjo et al.; FR Patent No. 2 590 744 to Ganz Villamossagi Muvek; WO 00/54286 to Kiessling et al. (corresponding to U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/913,999); Ralph K. Iler, "The Chemistry of Silica" (John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1979); and the PCT International Search Report for PCT/US 02/40735 (PCT equivalent of the parent application Ser No. 10/032,858), which the Examiner may consider material to examination of this application.

As this application is a divisional of U.S. application No. 10/032,858, filed December 27, 2001, Applicants have not enclosed legible copies of U.S. Patent No. 5,932,682 to Buchwalter et al.; U.S. Patent No. 5,337,941 to Higashiura et al.; U.S. Patent No. 4,486,506 to Kenjo et al.; FR Patent No. 2 590 744 to Ganz Villamossagi Muvek; WO 00/54286 to Kiessling et al. (corresponding to U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/913,999); Ralph K. Iler, "The Chemistry of Silica" (John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1979); and the PCT Search Report for PCT/US 02/40735 (PCT

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equivalent of the parent application Ser No. 10/032,858) because pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), Applicants previously submitted legible copies of these references to the Office in earlier U.S. Patent Application No. 10/032,858, this earlier application is properly identified in the attached IDS, this earlier application is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and the IDS submitted in this earlier application complied with section (a) through (c) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that there does not exist information more material to the examination of the present patent application. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will review art of record in all 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority documents.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

Applicants do not believe there is currently a fee due, but if there is any such fee due, which have not been accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

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